

REMARKS

Examiner Garrett has rejected the originally filed claims 1-13, 17 and 18 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Garrett for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter of the originally filed claims of the present application and an indication of the allowability of claims 14-16 if rewritten.

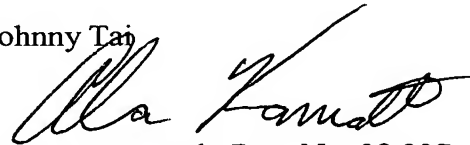
Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form by its incorporation into claim 1. Although not including all of the limitations of the intervening claims, it is believed that claim 1 recites the subject matter recognized to be patentable by Examiner Garrett. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States and United Kingdom patents listed in the NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as B-M from page 1 of 2 and A and N on page 2 of 2. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's apparatus for selectively attaching a first object to a second object in a desired orientation which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-12 and 15-18, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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